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Letter dated 3 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request that the annexed letter, from Mr. Ricardo Alarcón de Quesada, head of the Cuban delegation to the Meeting of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) held on 26 and 27 June 1996 in Montreal, addressed to Mr. Assad Kotaite, President of the ICAO Council (see annex), be issued as an official document of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 140, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Bruno RODRÍGUEZ PARRILLA
Ambassador
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ANNEX

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Letter dated 30 June 1996 from the head of the Cuban delegation to the Meeting of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) held on 26 and 27 June 1996 in Montreal addressed to the President of the ICAO Council

Last 13 June, we forwarded to you some information on the preparation of a so-called "flotilla" whose organizers had made public in a press conference in Miami their plans to send aircraft from an airport located in the United States of America for the purpose of violating the territory and sovereignty of the Republic of Cuba next 13 July (see A/50/979-S/1996/448, annex).

Subsequently we learned that the United States authorities were aware of these preparations since this matter had been dealt with in a 6 June letter written by Ms. Anne W. Patterson, Senior Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, to the organizers of this activity.

On the basis of what was stated in operative paragraph 9 of the resolution adopted by the ICAO Council, where the contracting States are requested to report at any time to the Council any infraction of the above-mentioned rules contained in the Convention on International Civil Aviation, we officially reiterate this information and again request that you inform the Council of the particulars, including our 13 June letter.

Likewise, we reiterate our view that, in the face of this situation and in order to avert another incident, ICAO should take resolute and firm action.

(Signed) Ricardo ALARCÓN DE QUESADA
Head of the Cuban Delegation to the
Meeting of the ICAO Council